(2) firefighting breathing devices which are commercially available; and

(3) undeveloped technologies which could lead to the development of a more effective breathing device for shipboard firefighting.

(b) CRITERIA.—In performing the evaluation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider the following criteria for firefighting breathing devices:

(1) Uninterrupted breathing duration.

(2) Adaptability to shipboard space limitations.

(3) Portability in use.

(4) Training requirements for effective use.

(5) Cost.

(6) Availability.

(c) REPORT.—(1) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the evaluation under subsection (a). The report shall include an acquisition plan for providing an improved breathing apparatus for shipboard firefighting as soon as possible. In preparing that plan, the Secretary shall consider the use of any available expedited research and development and acquisition procedures.

(2) The report shall be submitted no later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1616. STRIPPING OF NAVAL VESSELS TO BE USED FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES

Section 7306 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(7) by inserting "(a)" before "The Secretary of the Navy"; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(b)(1) Before using any vessel for an experimental purpose pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall carry out such stripping of the vessel as is practicable.

"(2) Amounts received as a result of stripping of vessels pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to applicable appropriations available for the procurement of scrapping services under this subsection, to the extent necessary for the procurement of those services. Amounts received which are in excess of amounts necessary for procuring those services shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

"(3) In providing for stripping of a vessel pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure that such stripping does not destroy or diminish the structural integrity of the vessel.".

PART C—TECHNICAL, CORRECTIONS AND GENERAL TECHNICAL AND

SEC. 1621. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO CONFORM REFERENCES TO CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(a) TITLE 10 UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) The following sections are amended by striking out "Veterans' Administration" and inserting in lieu thereof "Department of Veterans Affairs": sections 176(a)(3), 772(g), 1174(h)(2), 1201(3)(B), 1203(4)(A), 1203(4)(B), 1203(4)(C), 1204(4)(B), 1206(4), 1209, 1210(c), 1210(d), 1210(e), 1212(c), 1218(a)(D), 1431(b)(D), 1433 (in two places), 1441, 1449, 1450(h), 1452(a)(D), 1452(a)(5), 1476(b), 2641(a), 2641(b)(D) (in two places), 2641(d)(2), 4342(a)(D), 4621(d),